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This work will be a valuable addition to the many treatises upon this subject and should be warmly welcomed by the profession as an aid to the correct interpretation of the clause of the constitution. The author deserves praise for his endeavor to draw a clear line of demarcation between the cases, and to show a uniform rule to govern in the interpretation by the courts.

H. J. C.

*Ideals of the Republic.* By James Schouler. Boston. Little, Brown & Co. 1908. pp. 288.

"The purpose of this book," the author says, "is to trace out those fundamental ideas, social and political, to which America owes peculiarly her progress and prosperity, and to consider the application of those ideas to present conditions."

The scheme of the book, as worked out, might well be divided into three parts: the first dealing with rights, natural, civil, and political; the second, dealing with the governmental schemes of the various states of the Union, and of the Union itself, with the effects of these rights thereon; and the third concerning itself with the ideas, theories, and ideals, as they are, and should be, with regard to the government.

The whole is worked out in a manner interesting to the profession and laity alike, the legal references being comparatively few. The style is pleasing, and the many references interesting, and, of course, apposite. These references are for the most part to contemporaneous events and movements, and while one would naturally not agree with all the author says about such events as the Standard Oil fine and the recently strong Prohibition movement, still his views are strong and bound to command respect. All in all, it is well worth reading.

H. F.

*Select Essays in Anglo-American Legal History.* By various authors. Compiled and edited by a Committee of The Association of American Law Schools. Little, Brown & Co. Boston. 1908. Vol. II. pp. 823.

Without a doubt, the second volume of this series retains the high position set for it by the first volume reviewed in a previous issue of this *Journal*. The essays stand for a profound research into the depths of the sources of Anglo-American legal history. The full value of this work will not be thoroughly appreciated by the every-day practicing lawyer, but the significance of what

this compilation stands for will be forcefully brought home to the legal lecturer. The invaluable-ness of the work is clearly shown when one perceives the committee which had it in hand. From such a master mind as John H. Wigmore, without mentioning the others, we expect the best and we are not disappointed in this research. We heartily recommend this work to all lawyers.

W. J. L., Jr.

*Street Railway Reports.* Vol. 5. By Frank B. Gilbert, Melvin Bender and Harold J. Henman. Albany, N. Y. Matthew Bender & Co. 1908. pp. 964.

The fifth volume of this work is very welcome to the profession. The law governing street railways is constantly changing; cases are arising every day, so that it is difficult to follow the law in the many states. This work gives us the law to date, setting out the late cases in full, followed by a note which gives the law in the other states upon the questions decided in the main case. The authors start the book with the cases lately decided in Alabama, and proceed in alphabetical arrangement to the decisions of Washington. This arrangement has the singular advantage, little noted in many report books, of allowing one to immediately see the law as laid down in his own state, and then, with the aid of the notes, see the law of the different states. A work of this sort is always welcome, as the practicing attorney has not the time to delve into the different decisions. He wants a work at his hand with which he can readily inform himself. This work meets this demand in regard to the law of street railways. With the three complete indexes to the book, the busy practitioner will find this work invaluable.

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